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Copper and Iron Production Stops Because of Restrictive Laws—Forest Reserve Covers Worthless Trees—Facts Gleaned on Secretary Fisher's Tour.

Seattle, Sept. 5.—When Secretary of the Interior Walter Fisher and his party left Seward August 30 on the revenue cutter Tahoma the journey westward was at an end and the Secretary had accomplished the primary purpose of his visit to Alaska. Inch was to personally examine the coal situation and to meet and talk with as many of those interested as "he could reach.

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Secretary Fisher discussed these phases freely with all who talked to him as well as in his public addresses, "Let us do that thing," he repeated over and over, "which we can do to-day and not try to do to-day that which cannot be done until to-morrow." This was in response always to the universal demand for action.

Unable to get local coal the Copper River and Northwestern has stopped work on all extensions and 5,000 men have left its employ. The Bonanza concentrator is idle and the mine only is shipping sixty-live tons daily of high grade on the revenue of the coal coal that the making of coke depends upon transportation and content the development of the copper and iron industries on a large scale, but the development of the copper and iron industries on a large scale, but the making of coke depends upon transportation can be developed by private enterprise. Oil has taken the place of local coal tour source of the copper and iron industries on a large scale, but the development of the copper and iron industries on a large scale

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which is neither definite nor permanent. Bering River carries a large quantity of silt, as do the smaller streams coming into Controller Bay. The movement of this silt causes the channel in the bay to shift so much that no geodetic survey

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The Secretary found the people of Alaska everywhere interested in his visit and eager to talk with him. His directness both of question and answer impressed the Alaskans who met him with the sincerity of his purpose at all times. Mr. Fisher asked for cooperation and toleration. He told the people that he had found the situation as it is on coming into office, that he was putting forth his best efforts to solve the problems and that his action must of necessity be purely advisory, as relief after all lies with Congress.

In the party which visited the Bering River coal fields were the Secretary, Gov. Clark, Albert H. Brooks of the geological survey, Dr. J. A. Holmes, director of the United States bureau of mines; Sumner S. Smith, mine inspector for Alaska; G. R. Gove, private secretary to Mr. Fisher: Walter T. Eisher, the secretary son.

Sound mines would double their present

Walter T. Fisher, the secretary's son:
Tom Gorham, a friend of young Fisher.
Andrew Christenson, chief of the field division, and Myron Hibbard, mineral land surveyor in charge of the work in the Bering field.

The Bering River coal fields were not found up to expectations and Mr. Fisher was forced to feel that the exagggration of values there will prove a handicap to action, for the region has been misrepresented by the men who sought to get possession of it and by the magazines and other publications which have attempted to describe it.

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Such coal as is there—and there are many evidences of large deposits—will not drive either Washington or British Columbia coal out of Washington or British Columbia markets or reduce the price of any fuel now finding a market in the Puget Sound region or elsewhere. Controller Bay is not a harbor, nor it the key to anything except a huge ice field and a marsh which is valuable only as a breeding place for wild waterfowl. There is not one tree on the lands eliminated by President Taft from the forest reserve, and back of the tract is a glacier reserve, and back of the tract is a glacier reserve, and back of the tract is a glacier of the control of must be marketed. In the meantime the operation of natural laws of supply and mountains. It is from three to four inites from high water mark to a point at which thirty feet of water is available for shipping and these shallows would have to in the creation of the Chugach forest

The deep water area is merely a channel

mean to lay tracks over a wide area of marsh underlaid with silt and over the bars and flats of the intricate and shifting cost 31-3 cents each and telephone poles delta of the Bering. The so-called Ryan road would reach no coal which could be shipped out of Alaska, even if it had a terminal from which shipping were postated.



SUMMER RESORTS.

in the creation of the Chugach roles, reserve which is a part of this coal muddle. Alaska was unjustly treated. There is more timber value in any four average sections of Puget Sound timber than in the millions of acres which comprise the Chugach reservation. The timber is small, stunted, knotty, brittle and wholly useless for piling, lumber or ties, or in fact for any except for mere temporary use. The area on which this timber grows is not 10 per cent. of the whole and even with all the glaciers, mora ines and mounsely that is the peaks and ranges which cut the tain peaks are unknown or if not living, the executor, abouts are unknown or if not living, the executor, abouts are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the said pack. If you have the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the said pack and the peaks and the peaks and the peaks are unknown or if not living, the executor, abouts are unknown or if not living, the executor, abouts are unknown or if not living, the executor, abouts are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown to your petitioner Elizabete of the peaks are unknown or if not living, the execu shift so much that no geodetic survey charts made at any considerable intervals would be alike. Then there are the ice and the winds. The amount of fresh water in Controller Bay causes freezing of the surface every winter. This ice moves with every tide and the movement is so strong that mile long trestle structures would inevitably be destroyed. To build a road from Controller Bay would mean to lay tracks over a wide area of means to lay tracks over a wide area of marsh underlaid with silt and over the area of means to lay tracks over a wide area of marsh underlaid with silt and over the lands of agricultural possibilities are area of the reserve however, the lands of agricultural possibilities are as worthless to the people of the territory as the ice in its glaciers.

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